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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

~~Page 1, after the title insert the following:~~

~~~ This application is the US national phase of international application~~

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

~~Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.~~

4. (Amended) A system according to claim 1 wherein the selector is configured

~~A2 Cnt to select a preferred data service according to a pre-determined selection strategy.~~